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2. A number of planes referred to as "Skoda fighters" were also bought from Czechoslovakia and resold to Yugoslavia where it is reported that they are being used as training craft by the Air Force.
3. The [] partners [] are in direct and personal contact with the respective trade departments in Prague, and payments are made in dollars through letters of credit []
4. It is believed by the [] partners [] that the Czechoslovakians are aware of the ultimate destination of the goods but prefer to show no interest because of the urgently needed dollars involved.

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Comment: It has been known for some time that a certain amount of trade between Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia has been conducted through the medium of [] businessmen who appear as consignees on Czechoslovak bills of lading. The goods in question are then re-labeled as transit goods and dispatched [] This is the first report, however, which indicates that military stores are finding their way to Yugoslavia because of Czechoslovakia's need for dollars.

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